MINUTES OF THE HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

Meeting Held at the City Hall Annex Council Chamber Public Level 900 Bagby Street 3:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by Chair, Mrs. Betty Chapman, with a quorum present. The following Commission members noted with "P" were present during all or portions of the meeting and the members noted with "A" were absent.

Betty Chapman, Chair	P
Phoebe Tudor, Vice Chair	Р
J. D. Bartell	Р
Sharie Beale	Р
Fernando Brave	Α
Faye Bryant	Р
Paul Fruge Jr.	Р
Dr. Roger G. Moore	Α
C. K. Pang	Α
Venita Ray	Р
Dr. Suraiya Saleem	Р

The Chair's report was given by Commissioner Betty Chapman, Chair.

There was no report from the Director.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 10, 2008 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to approve the July 10, 2008, Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

I. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS FOR:

The chair announced that she was instituting a new procedure to consider as a group those agenda items for which Planning Department staff had recommended approval. The chair announced public hearings and consideration of certificates of appropriateness for agenda items, which would be considered as a group, including: Ia, Id, Ie, Ii, II, Im, In, and Io

Planning staff provided that in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance, each HAHC member had been provided with staff's complete report which also had been posted on the Planning Department website for public review and comment here today. Staff was recommending approval of Items 1a, 1d, 1e, 1i, 1l, 1m, 1n, and 1o, which have been reviewed for compliance with and meet the criteria outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

The chair asked if anyone in the audience had signed up to speak or otherwise else wishes to address any of these items currently being considered, please to do so at this time. The chair also stated that unless there is any real need for discussion or there are any questions, a motion will be entertained to accept staff's recommendation. HAHC member Mrs. Beale requested that Items Id and Ie to be considered separately from the following items:

- a. 1524 Allston Street Houston Heights Historic District West (Alteration Residence)
- i. 1625 Harvard Street Houston Heights Historic District East (New Construction Garage)
- I. 1035 W. Cottage Norhill Historic District (New Construction Garage)
- m. 1128 Dunbar Street Norhill Historic District (New Construction Garage)
- n. 1115 Key Street Norhill Historic District (New Construction Garage)
- o. 1101 LeGreen Street Norhill Historic District (Restoration Residence)

There were no speakers to these items and Motion was made by Mrs. Bryant, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to approve items Ia, Ii, IL, Im, In and Io. Motion carried unanimously.

The chair announced that next on the agenda are the public hearings and consideration of certificates of appropriateness for agenda items for which Planning Staff had recommended approval, which would be considered separately from the original group, including: Id and Ie

Planning staff provided that in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance, each HAHC member had been provided with staff's complete report which also had been posted on the Planning Department website for public review and comment here today. Staff was recommending approval of Items 1d and 1e, which have been reviewed for compliance with and meet the criteria outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

d. 1101 – 1103 Heights Boulevard – Houston Heights Historic District East - (Relocate House within its existing site)

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mr. Fruge, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item Id. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Jonathan Adler and Mark Van Doren.

e. 1101 – 1103 Heights Boulevard – Houston Heights Historic District East – (New Construction – Building)

Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Dr. Saleem, to accept staff's recommendation to approve item le. Motion carried unanimously.

The order of the agenda as originally posted was resumed at this time.

b. 1413 – 1415 Arlington Street - Houston Heights Historic District East – (Demolition - Residence)

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Ray, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item lb. Motion carried unanimously.

c. 1840 Arlington Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (Demolition – Residence) Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Dr. Saleem, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item Ic. Motion carried unanimously.

f. 1513 Arlington Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (New Construction – Residence)

Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Mrs. Ray, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item If. Motion carried unanimously.

Marlene Gafrick left the meeting at 3:37 p.m. and Michael Schaffer joined the meeting at this time as Executive Secretary.

g. 1230 Cortlandt Street – Houston Heights Historic District East – (Alteration – Residence)

Motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, not to accept staff's recommendation to deny but to approve item Ig. Motion carried unanimously.

h. 1046 Harvard Street - Mulcahy House - City of Houston Landmark - (Alteration - Reconsideration)

Motion was made by Mr. Fruge, seconded by Mrs. Beale, not to follow staff's recommendation to deny but to approve item Ih. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Peter Stockton

j. 221 W. 13th Street – Houston Heights Historic District West – (Alteration – Addition) Motion was made by Mrs. Tudor, seconded by Mr. Fruge, not to follow staff's recommendation to deny but to approve item Ij. Motion carried with Mr. Bartell opposed and Mrs. Bryant abstaining.

Speaker: Paul Siwek

k. 914 Prairie Avenue - Main Street/Market Square Historic District - (Alteration - Sign)

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item lk. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Peter Stockton

p. 2102 N. Memorial Way – Old Sixth Ward Historic District – (New Construction – Residence) Motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation to deny item Ip. Motion carried with Mr. Fruge and Mrs. Tudor opposed.

Speaker: Kenneth Kapelka.

II. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATIONS INITIATED BY THE OWNERS:

a. Eller Wagon Works - Pittsburgh Plate Glass Buildings - 101 Crawford Street

Chair opened and closed the public hearing, as there were no speakers.

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark Designation of the Eller Wagon Works – Pittsburgh Plate Glass Building at 101 Crawford Street. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on August 28, 2008.

b. Western Electric Company Building - 100 Jackson Street

Chair opened and closed the public hearing, as there were no speakers.

Motion was made by Mr. Bartell, seconded by Mrs. Bryant, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark Designation of the Western Electric Company Building at 100 Jackson Street. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on August 28, 2008.

III. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF LANDMARK AND PROTECTED LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION INITIATED BY THE OWNER FOR THE RICHARDSON HOUSE – 3307 AUSTIN STREET

Chair opened and closed the public hearing, as there were no speakers.

Motion was made by Mrs. Ray, seconded by Mrs. Beale, to accept staff's recommendation that the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission recommends to the Houston Planning Commission the Landmark and Protected Landmark Designation of the Richardson House at 3307 Austin Street. Motion carried unanimously. Staff announced that the Planning Commission would consider the application at their public hearing on August 28, 2008.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE HAHC

NONE

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the commission, Chair, Mrs. Betty Chapman, adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p. m. after a motion was made by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Ray.

Betty Trapp Chapman

Chair

Marlene L. Gafrick, Executive Secretary